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## **Tsunami underscores the importance of disaster planning**

***New Web site gives residents the tools they need to prepare***

Monday's devastating tsunami in the Solomon Islands is a reminder that disasters can happen at any time, anywhere. Earthquakes and tsunamis occur without warning, a fact that San Diego residents should consider when formulating their family disaster plan.

The County Office of Emergency Services urges all San Diegans to complete a *Family Disaster Plan*, which is available in four languages on a new County Web site; [www.ReadySanDiego.org](http://www.ReadySanDiego.org). The plan describes the steps families should take before, during, and after an emergency. In addition to offering the *Family Disaster Plan*, the new Web site gives tips on caring for pets, preparing your business for an emergency, and items to include in your disaster supply kit. The Web site also describes considerations for residents with special needs and suggestions for parents speaking with their children about disasters.

Copies of the Family Disaster Plan can also be requested from the San Diego County Office of Emergency Services at (858) 565-3490.

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